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March is Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month

Using People-First language emphasizes the person first, rather than a disability or a diagnosis. A person's disability is only a part of who they actually are. Words are influential, and they can have a powerful lasting impact. For more information, check out these resources:

- [Communicating With and About People with Disabilities](#)
- [People First Language](#)
- [Disability Etiquette and People First Language](#)

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